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Hello Friends:

EPA headquarters has requested our feedback on a proposed SF Bay to Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC) project being considered as a candidate for expedited permitting and implementation under E.O. 13604. If you haven't already been contacted by the Corps or your colleagues at the regional or national level, I'm sending for your reference the incoming messages and detailed attachments we received from the Corps. Yesterday, the San Francisco District began hosting a 3-day meeting involving a large number of project proponents, and representatives from EPA and NMFS. Perhaps we should discuss this project during a future meeting/call with the Federal Coordination Team for the BDCP so we can better understand how the proposed project would dovetail with the proposed water supply infrastructure, the State Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan, and the final Delta Plan pending with the Delta Stewardship Council.

Best Regards, Tim

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Dear Agency Representative:

I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce to you the SF Bay to Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel project. The SF Bay to Stockton deepening project is considering deepening the federal navigation channels from the W. Richmond Channel in Central San Francisco Bay to the Port of Stockton. In 2008, we held a public Scoping meeting to kick off our work on NEPA/CEQA components, including a number of technical studies. Due to lack of steady and full appropriation for this study, we have been moving very slowly with various technical studies. Currently, we are in the early phases of the project and project alternatives have not yet been selected; however, some preliminary modeling work—salinity intrusion and dissolved oxygen impacts—have already begun.

I am emailing you to request your agency's participation at the upcoming SF Bay to Stockton deepening project meeting that will be held on January 23, 24, and 25, 2013, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at our office in San Francisco or by web meeting and teleconference. The agenda is being finalized and there may be some portions that would be of more interest to your agency than others (I suspect that the discussions on the 24th and 25th may be of the greatest interest). This meeting will be attended by our local sponsors and stakeholders (Port of Stockton, Contra Costa County, and petroleum refineries), as well as our vertical team which includes our South Pacific Division and Corps Headquarters. I realize this is short notice for many of you; however, we are seeking your participation because of some recent news. We just found out that our project was selected by the Assistant Secretary of the Army as a pilot project under the President's Executive Order 13604.

Executive Order 13604—Improving Performance of Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects—was signed

by the President in March 2012. This EO is a federal-wide initiative that directs all federal agencies, including the Department of the Army, Department of the Interior, Department of Commerce, EPA, and other agencies to "...significantly reduce the aggregate time required to make decisions in the permitting and review of infrastructure projects by the Federal Government, while improving environmental and community outcomes."

Under this EO, the SF Bay to Stockton deepening project was nominated and selected as one of two Corps nationwide projects to serve as a pilot project to implement improving permitting performance. As part of the pilot study, we are directed to complete all applicable federal permitting and develop a Chief's Report for submittal to Congress by September 2014 (yes, this is not a typo).

My environmental staff on this project, Fari Tabatabai (415.503.6860) and Cynthia Fowler (415.503.6870) (both copied above), are available to provide you with more detail regarding this meeting and project information. We will be providing you with additional details regarding the project description, authorities, and other information in a short read-ahead document at a later date.

Your agency's participation in this meeting, either in person or virtually, would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know who from your agency plans to attend.

Thank you!

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One quick update to the agenda, I have now included phone numbers you can call on case you need to reach someone in the IPR once we are under way:

POC's for access issues: Cynthia Jo Fowler 415-238-6906. Tom Kendall 415- 859-1677.

If you plan on attending in person, please try to reach our office between 8:30 and 8:45 if you can, this will allow time for checking in with the security desk. We will be providing coffee and donuts. We are not planning a lunch break prior to our 1:00 adjournment each do, so please feel free to bring your own lunch if you would like.

Thank you all for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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